

(2) promotes the profession of teaching and the contributions of educators by encouraging students, parents, school administrators, and public officials to recognize National Teacher Appreciation Week.

SENATE RESOLUTION 199—CON-DEMNING THE HORRIFIC SHOOTINGS IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, ON MARCH 16, 2021, AND REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE SENATE TO COMBATING HATE, BIGOTRY, AND VIOLENCE AGAINST THE ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER COMMUNITY

Mr. WARNOCK (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CARPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. WARREN, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. OSSOFF, Ms. SMITH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. BOOKER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 199

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, a shooter murdered 8 people and injured 1 in the Atlanta, Georgia region in 3 separate shootings that took place at Asian American-owned spas;

Whereas the people of the United States mourn the 8 innocent lives lost—7 of whom were women, 6 of whom were women of Asian descent, and several of whom were immigrants;

Whereas the victims included Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Yong Ae Yue, Soon Chung “Julie” Park, Hyun Jung Grant, and Suncha Kim;

Whereas 49-year-old Xiaojie “Emily” Tan, a hardworking mother and the owner of one of the spas, was a dedicated and caring business owner who is survived by her daughter and husband;

Whereas 44-year-old Daoyou Feng was an employee who recently began working at one of the spas;

Whereas 33-year-old Delaina Ashley Yaun González, a newlywed and mother of 2, was at one of the spas to receive a couple’s massage with her husband when her life was cut short;

Whereas 54-year-old Paul Andre Michels was a caring husband and United States Army veteran who did maintenance work for one of the spas and is survived by his wife;

Whereas 63-year-old Yong Ae Yue was a mother of 2 sons who was known for her kindness and generosity and her love of her pet Shih Tzu;

Whereas 74-year-old Soon Chung “Julie” Park was a mother and grandmother who helped manage one of the spas and helped to prepare meals for the employees;

Whereas 51-year-old Hyun Jung Grant was a former elementary school teacher and hardworking single mother who dedicated her life to raising her 2 sons;

Whereas 69-year-old Suncha Kim was a wife, mother, and grandmother who enjoyed line dancing and had been married for more than 50 years;

Whereas the Georgia shootings came in the midst of an alarming surge in anti-Asian

hate crimes and incidents that have caused many Asian Americans across the United States to feel fearful and unsafe;

Whereas the use of anti-Asian terminology and rhetoric, whether related to the COVID-19 pandemic or not, is completely unacceptable and should be condemned by all people of the United States;

Whereas, in 2020, anti-Asian hate crimes increased by nearly 150 percent in major cities throughout the United States;

Whereas, according to a recent report by Stop AAPI Hate, there were nearly 3,800 reported cases of anti-Asian discrimination related to COVID-19 between March 19, 2020 and February 28, 2021;

Whereas 68 percent of reported incidents of anti-Asian hate targeted Asian American women, a population that has been historically marginalized, sexualized, and fetishized;

Whereas, on March 19, 2021, President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris met with Asian American leaders in Georgia and reaffirmed their strong commitment to condemning and combating racism, xenophobia, and violence targeting the Asian American community; and

Whereas the people of the United States will always remember the victims of these shootings and stand in solidarity with those affected by this senseless tragedy: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) condemns the heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence that led to the tragic loss of 8 lives in Georgia on March 16, 2021;

(2) condemns any racism and sexism in the choice of the shooter to target Asian American-owned businesses and murder 6 women of Asian descent;

(3) honors the memory of the victims, offers heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, and recognizes that the healing process will be long and difficult for the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and all communities impacted by this tragedy; and

(4) reaffirms the commitment of the United States Federal Government to combating hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.

SENATE RESOLUTION 200—CON-DEMNING RECENT HATE CRIMES COMMITTED AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Ms. ERNST, Mr. WICKER, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. CASSIDY, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. OSSOFF, and Ms. HASSAN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 200

Whereas following the spread of COVID-19 in 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in hate crimes and violence against Asian American and Pacific Islanders;

Whereas between March 19, 2020, and February 28, 2021, there have been 3,795 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian and Pacific Islander hate incidents and crimes reported from all

50 States, United States territories, and the District of Columbia;

Whereas during this timeframe, race has been cited as the primary reason for discrimination, making up over 90 percent of incidents;

Whereas roughly 36 percent of these incidents took place at a business and more than 2,000,000 Asian American and Pacific Islander businesses have contributed to the diverse fabric of American life;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander youth under 20 years old make up approximately 13 percent of victims;

Whereas during this time, Asian American and Pacific Islander elderly over 60 years old make up approximately 7 percent of victims;

Whereas, on January 28, 2021, Vicha Ratanapakdee died from injuries after being horrifically attacked in front of his home;

Whereas the Royal Thai Consulate-General in Los Angeles has warned Thai people in California to be on their guard following the killing of Vicha Ratanapakdee;

Whereas, on March 16, 2021, the following 8 people were murdered in 3 Asian American-owned spas in Atlanta, Georgia: Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Delaina Ashley Yaun González, Paul Andre Michels, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 6 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, were women of Asian descent—Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, and Yong Ae Yue;

Whereas 1 of the Americans killed in Atlanta on March 16, 2021, was a veteran who served in the United States Army—Paul Andre Michels; and

Whereas Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to American culture: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) affirms that the United States stands united in condemning and denouncing any and all anti-Asian and Pacific Islander sentiment in any form;

(2) condemns all manifestations or expressions of racism, and anti-Asian and Pacific Islander or ethnic intolerance;

(3) calls on the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate to strongly consider holding a hearing related to the surge in violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders;

(4) applauds the Department of Justice’s commitment to conduct a 30-day review of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which will seek to improve the Federal Government’s capacity to track and identify hate incidents, review civil enforcement authorities, and assess whether additional money is needed to support law enforcement’s response to the surge in violence; and

(5) calls on Federal law enforcement officials, working with State and local officials—

(A) to expeditiously and vigorously investigate all reports of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes in the United States;

(B) to work to improve the reporting of Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes; and

(C) to hold the perpetrators of those crimes accountable and bring the perpetrators to justice.